

OYSTER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear ORMS Parents and Guardians,

September went quickly and we have transitioned into fall weather. On nice fall days (no rain), students are encouraged to go outside for recess. Please encourage your child to bring weather appropriate clothing to school. ORMS site work continues to be completed. The field turf is scheduled to arrive this week for installation. We expect it to be completed by the end of October. The field will be the same as the ORHS field, minus the track. Also, this week all ORMS teachers will evaluate students on our Habits of Learning (Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and Growth Mindset). This information will be found in PowerSchool by Friday 10/7. Please reach out to the front office if you need assistance with PowerSchool. There is no school this upcoming Friday October 7th and Monday October 10th. Enjoy the long weekend ahead. Below are some important notes and reminders. As always, reach out with any questions or concerns.

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Cell Phone Policy Reminder

Student cell phones and personal electronic devices are not allowed during the school day and need to be placed in student lockers between 8:15AM-3:00PM. This includes wireless ear buds/pods. We have a student phone in the ORMS front office for use as needed. Wired ear buds that are compatible with district provided laptops are always available in the ORMS library for student use.

ORMS Late Bus

There is a student late bus Monday-Thursday with a departure time of 4:15PM. The bus is for students that are participating in after school activities.

Hammond's Hangout

Formerly known as homework club, Mr. Hammond supervises the ORMS library for students who need a quiet space to work or a place to hangout after school Monday-Thursday from 3:00-4:10PM.

Volleyball Opportunity

Interested in playing Volleyball? We will be offering volleyball skill and practice sessions on Fridays until the end of October. All students in grades 5-8 are welcome to participate. The sessions will start at 3:00 pm and end at 4:30. There is no late bus on Fridays.

Glowforge/School Store Club

Are you interested in designing and creating items using the Glowforge laser cutter? Would you like to be part of the team that sells the items in the School Store? Are you available to meet Monday afterschool? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please click on the link below to sign up for this club. Space is limited. See Ms. Martel if you have any questions.

The school store sale proceeds will be used to purchase additional raw materials for the club.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

Harry Potter Club

Calling all Harry Potter fans! Harry Potter club will be starting Tuesday 9/27. We will meet in room 326. In the club we will meet twice a month to make Harry Potter crafts, watch the movies and play games. If you are interested please email Ms. Mathison to let her know you will be joining in at

smathison@orcsd.org

Volunteer Opportunity

We want parents to feel welcome at ORMS. In the past, we have had parents volunteer during lunch times to assist students with composting, recycling and to help spread kindness. This is a great opportunity to see our students in action and visit our school during the day. Any amount of time is appreciated. If interested, please reach out to me jrichard@orcsd.org or call the ORMS office. A free volunteer background check will be required to participate.

ORMS Basketball Boot Camp

Back by popular demand is our annual middle school Bobcat Basketball Bootcamp. This is a day of skills, drills, scrimmages, & fun offered to any ORMS student. The clinic is run by varsity players from the girl's and boy's programs (with adult supervision). This year's clinic will be held at the middle school gym with a pizza lunch to end the day!

Cost: \$50

SIGN UP: <https://forms.gle/JLaxA2x3GXWqyfQt6>

WHEN: 11/8/22. Drop-off begins at 8:30am, pizza at 1pm, & pick-up by 2pm.

PAYMENT: Cash or check made out to ORHS Basketball Boosters dropped off to the middle school office (in an envelope with player name). Financial strain will not prohibit any child from attending- if you need assistance please contact Andy Lathrop, Athletic Director and it will be taken care of.

QUESTIONS: about the clinic - please reach out to the basketball boosters:
ORHSBasketballboosters@gmail.com

PowerSchool and Schoology

PowerSchool is our student information system (SIS). This year all ORMS staff will be using PowerSchool to report student progress. PowerSchool is our “go to” for students and parents to view summative student feedback on assessments and projects. It is a teacher’s grade book view on how your child is currently performing academically. We also use PowerSchool for student attendance. As important, students are evaluated on our ORMS Habits of Learning in PowerSchool (Respectful, Responsible, Engaged and Have a Growth Mindset). [PowerSchool](#)

Schoology is our learning management system (LMS). Students and teachers use Schoology for assignment information and teacher expectations for learning outcomes. Students can submit assignments in Schoology for feedback. Student related announcements and information is also posted in our LMS. For example, field trip permission forms. Schoology is a student “go to first” source of information if they must miss school. Teachers keep Schoology updated a week in advance with big picture learning goals. Specific daily information is routinely modified based on team, class (section) and learning needs. Parents have viewing access to Schoology. [Schoology](#)

If you need assistance with your PowerSchool or Schoology account, please contact the ORMS office during school hours (7:30-3:30PM).

ORMS Quick Tip

ORMS Counselors are completing student instruction on how to use our quick tip system. When a student makes a report, Bill Sullivan and I get the tip instantly 24/7 via email. [ORMS Quick Tip](#)

Staff Directory

During the school year, we encourage you to reach out to ORMS staff with questions. Here is our current [staff directory](#).

Student Lunch (No Charging)

ORMS students need cash or funds in their respective Titan accounts to purchase food. We do not allow students to charge food items that create a negative account balance. If necessary, students can borrow funds in the ORMS office for lunch. When this happens, we ask students to communicate lunch account information at home. If your child borrows funds, we appreciate repayment in the office. Breakfast is \$1.50 and lunch is \$3.25. Breakfast and lunch funds can be deposited [here at Titan](#). You can also apply for free or reduced lunch at [Titan](#). Please contact Food Service Director Doris Demers with any questions at ddemers@orcsd.org

Sneaker Expectations

Sneakers must be worn when using the ORMS gym.

Have a question or need help?

Please always feel free to contact the ORMS office at (603)868-2820, our office hours are 7:30AM-3:30PM.

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